KEVIN V. RYAN (CASBN 118321) 1 United States Attorney 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 9 NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA 10 OAKLAND DIVISION 11 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.) No. CR-01-40184-DLJ 12 Plaintiff. 21 U.S.C. § 846 – Conspiracy to Distribute 13 Iodine Knowing and Having Reasonable Cause to Believe That It Will Be Used to 14 V. Manufacture Methamphetamine; 21 U.S.C. § 846 – Conspiracy to Distribute Red Phosphorous Knowing, Intending, or Having Reasonable Cause to Believe That It Will Be 15 DAVID CONKEY and CAROL CONKEY, 16 Used to Manufacture Methamphetamine; 21 U.S.C. § 841(c)(2) – Possession and Defendants. 17 Distribution of Iodine Knowing and Having Reasonable Cause to Believe That It 18 Will Be Used to Manufacture Methamphetamine; 21 U.S.C. § 843(a)(6) – Possession of Red Phosphorous Knowing, 19 Intending, or Having Reasonable Cause to 20 Believe That It Will Be Used to Manufacture Methamphetamine; 843(a)(7) – Distribution of Red Phosphorous Knowing, Intending, or Having Reasonable Cause to Believe That It 21 22 Will Be Used to Manufacture 23 Methamphetamine; 18 U.S.C. § 1957(a) – Engaging in Monetary Transactions in Property Derived from Specified Unlawful Activity; 18 24 U.S.C. § 1956(a)(1)(A)(i) – Money Laundering; 21 U.S.C. § 853(a)(1) and (p) – Criminal 25 Forfeiture 26 SUPERSEDING INDICTMENT 27 28 SUPERSEDING INDICTMENT

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<u>COUNT ONE</u>: (21 U.S.C. § 846)

The Grand Jury charges that:

Beginning at a time unknown to the Grand Jury, but not later than in and during August, 1992 and continuing thereafter until at least in or about October, 2001 in the County of Contra Costa, State and Northern District of California, and elsewhere,

DAVID CONKEY and CAROL CONKEY,

defendants herein, willfully and knowingly did combine, conspire, confederate and agree with each other and with other persons whose names are both known and unknown to the Grand Jury, to possess and distribute iodine, a List II chemical, knowing and having reasonable cause to believe that the iodine would be used to manufacture methamphetamine and to aid and abet the possession and distribution of iodine, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 846.

Object of the Conspiracy

To sell iodine to buyers for the purpose of monetary gain, knowing or having reason to know that the iodine would be used to manufacture methamphetamine.

Means and Methods of the Conspiracy

The defendants and their coconspirators accomplished and attempted to accomplish the objects of the conspiracy through the following means and methods:

- 1. David and Carol Conkey permitted Alpha Chemical Supply customers who purchased iodine to refuse to state the intended product use for the chemicals purchased on Alpha Chemical Supply receipts;
- 2. Carol Conkey occasionally permitted Alpha Chemical Supply customers to make repeated purchases of iodine within a thirty day period contrary to law;
- 3. David and Carol Conkey frequently accepted as appropriate and truthful, statements of intended product use supplied by Alpha Chemical Supply customers buying iodine that were false;
- 4. David and Carol Conkey frequently violated State of California reporting requirements and failed to provide copies of company purchase receipts for iodine to the California Department of Justice as required by law.
- 5. David Conkey frequently replied to verbal and written warnings admonishing him to adhere to reporting requirements by stating to drug investigators and auditors that he would not force customers to provide a product use on sales receipts and

request to provide Alpha Chemical sales receipts for inspection by Concord Police officers.

- 22. In or about November, 1999 defendants DAVID CONKEY and CAROL CONKEY filed a law suit in federal court for the purpose of preventing Concord Police officers from successfully gathering evidence of their criminal offenses.
- 23. On or about April 5, 2000 defendant CAROL CONKEY refused upon request to provide Alpha Chemical bulk purchase receipts for inspection by a Concord Police officer.
- 24. Between in or about the year 1992 and in or about May, 2001, defendants DAVID CONKEY and CAROL CONKEY sold to individual purchasers \$1,353,551 worth of iodine.

The Grand Jury further finds that the offenses charged in Counts Three through Seven of this Indictment constituted overt acts in furtherance of the conspiracy.

All in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 846.

<u>COUNT TWO</u>: (21 U.S.C. § 846)

The Grand Jury charges that:

Beginning at a time unknown to the Grand Jury, but not later than in and during August, 1992 and continuing thereafter until at least in or about October, 2001 in the County of Contra Costa, State and Northern District of California, and elsewhere,

DAVID CONKEY and CAROL CONKEY,

defendants herein, willfully and knowingly did combine, conspire, confederate and agree with each other and with other persons whose names are both known and unknown to the Grand Jury, to distribute red phosphorous, a chemical which may be used to manufacture methamphetamine, knowing and having reason to know that the red phosphorous would be used to manufacture methamphetamine and to aid and abet the possession and distribution of red phosphorous, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 846.

Object of the Conspiracy

To sell red phosphorous to buyers for the purpose of monetary gain knowing or having reason to know that the red phosphorous would be used to manufacture a controlled substance: to wit, methamphetamine.

Means and Methods of the Conspiracy

The defendants and their coconspirators accomplished and attempted to accomplish the objects of the conspiracy through the following means and methods:

- 1. David and Carol Conkey permitted Alpha Chemical Supply customers who purchased red phosphorous to refuse to state the intended product use for the chemicals purchased on Alpha Chemical Supply receipts:
- 2. Carol Conkey occasionally permitted Alpha Chemical Supply customers to make repeated purchases of red phosphorous within a thirty day period contrary to law;
- 3. David and Carol Conkey frequently accepted as appropriate and truthful, statements of intended product use supplied by Alpha Chemical Supply customers buying red phosphorous that were false;
- 4. David and Carol Conkey frequently violated State of California reporting requirements and failed to provide copies of company purchase receipts for red phosphorous to the California Department of Justice as required by law.

1 2 3	5. David Conkey frequently replied to verbal and written warnings admonishing him to adhere to reporting requirements by stating to drug investigators and auditors that he would not force customers to provide a product use on sales receipts and would not report the cost of items sold or any purchases made by Alpha Chemical Supply.			
4 5	6. David and Carol Conkey would accept unreadable and nonsensical product use statements supplied by Alpha Chemical Supply customers purchasing red phosphorous.			
6	Overt Acts			
7	In furtherance of this conspiracy and to effect and accomplish the objects of it, the			
8	conspirators committed the following overt acts, among others, in the State and Northern			
9	District of California and elsewhere:			
10 11	1. In or about February, 1992 defendant DAVID CONKEY began doing business as Alpha Chemical Supply at 1717 Solano Way, Suite 27, Concord, California.			
12	2. On or about October 2, 1992 defendant DAVID CONKEY told Drug			
13	Enforcement Administration (DEA) Diversion Investigator Richard Young that he would make next-day deliveries within an 80-mile radius of Concord, California to individuals ordering hydriodic acid and paying for it with large amounts of cash.			
14	3. On or about October 2, 1992, defendant DAVID CONKEY refused when			
15 16	asked to tell DEA Diversion Investigator Richard Young what defendant DAVID CONKEY considered to be a suspicious purchase amount of hydriodic acid, and stat that his background in chemistry qualified him to recognize legitimate uses for the chemicals he sold.			
17	4. On or about March 30, 1993 defendant DAVID CONKEY when asked			
18 19	refused to identify to DEA Diversion Investigation Riley the individuals to whom he had reported selling eight hundred pounds of hydriodic acid in one weekend through Alpha Chemical and Science, stating that he was not required by Nevada law to			
20	provide that information.			
21	5. On or about March 30, 1993 defendant DAVID CONKEY telephoned DEA Diversion Investigator Young and California Bureau of Narcotic Enforcement (BNE) Diversion Investigator Hirstein and reported that his wife CAROL CONKEY was			
22	now the owner of Alpha Chemical Supply in California, and that defendant DAVID CONKEY was the President of Alpha Chemical and Science in Nevada.			
23	6. On or about February 17, 1994 defendants CAROL CONKEY and DAVID			
24 25	CONKEY posted a notice at Alpha Chemical Supply in Concord referring customers who were being "harassed" by police to Alpha Chemical and Science in Sparks, Nevada to purchase their chemicals.			
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27	7. On or about February 17, 1994 defendant CAROL CONKEY failed to comply with a legal requirement to produce purchase records when requested to do so by DEA Diversion Investigator Riley, and stated that she did not know where defendant DAVID CONKEY kept the records.			

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2	8. On or about March 31, 1994 defendants DAVID CONKEY was present at Alpha Chemical Supply in Concord, California when CAROL CONKEY refused to permit DEA Diversion Investigator Riley to inspect chemical purchase and sales records.		
3 4	9. Beginning after in or about April 16, 1994 when hydriodic acid became a listed chemical, and continuing through in or about May, 2001 defendants DAVID CONKEY and CAROL CONKEY sold increasingly larger amounts of red phosphoru		
5	CONKEY and CAROL CONKEY sold increasingly larger amounts of red ph and iodine and stopped selling hydriodic acid.		
6	10. On or about December 4, 1994 defendant DAVID CONKEY told BNE		
7	Diversion Investigator Hirstein that he had invented a process for manufacturing hydriodic acid and might move to Mexico to manufacture hydriodic acid because the was a market for it there.		
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9	11. In and during about the year 1998 defendants DAVID CONKEY and CAROL CONKEY removed and stopped applying labels that identified Alpha Chemical Supply as the seller of containers of red phosphorous.		
10 11	12. On or about March 23, 1999 defendant DAVID CONKEY refused to grant permission to Concord Police officers to drive through the Alpha Chemical Supply		
12	parking lot to discourage chemical purchases by persons who intended to use the chemicals to manufacture controlled substances.		
13	13. On or about April 15, 1999 defendants DAVID CONKEY and CAROL CONKEY distributed a letter to their customers warning of police presence in the area		
14	and advising customers not to cooperate with police by answering their questions consenting to searches of their vehicles.		
15 16	14. On or about April 15, 1999 defendant DAVID CONKEY possessed a police radio scanner.		
17	15. On or about June 30, 1999 defendants DAVID CONKEY and CAROL		
18	CONKEY delivered a letter to their customers advising them not to cooperate with police by providing receipts for their purchases of chemicals from Alpha Chemical Supply, answering questions, or consenting to searches of their vehicles.		
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20	16. On or about August 17, 1999 defendant DAVID CONKEY refused upon request to provide Alpha Chemical sales receipts for inspection by Concord Police officers.		
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22	17. On or about September 3, 1999, during normal business hours, defendant DAVID CONKEY locked the door to Alpha Chemical Supply with customers still inside and refused to permit Concord police officers to enter Alpha Chemical to view		
23	a receipt for the purchase of chemicals made by a suspect whom the police were attempting to detain.		
24	18. On or about September 20, 1999 defendant CAROL CONKEY refused		
25	upon request to provide Alpha Chemical sales receipts for inspection by Concord Police Sgt. Moore.		
26	19. On or about September 29 and 30, 1999 defendant CAROL CONKEY		
27	19. On or about September 29 and 30, 1999 defendant CAROL CONKEY refused upon request to provide Alpha Chemical bulk purchase receipts for inspection by Concord Police officers.		
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1	COUNT THREE: (21 U.S.C. §841(c)(2))			
2	On or about September 22, 1998, in the State and Northern District of California,			
3	the defendant			
4	CAROL CONKEY			
5	did possess and distribute a List II listed chemical, to wit: 908 grams of iodine, knowing			
6	and having reasonable cause to believe that it would be used to manufacture			
7	methamphetamine, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(c)(2).			
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9	<u>COUNT FOUR</u> : (21 U.S.C. §841(c)(2))			
10	On or about October 13, 1998, in the State and Northern District of California, the			
11	defendant			
12	CAROL CONKEY			
13	did possess and distribute a List II listed chemical, to wit: 2,270 grams of iodine, knowing			
14	and having reasonable cause to believe that it would be used to manufacture			
15	methamphetamine, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(c)(2).			
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17	COUNT FIVE: (21 U.S.C. §841(c)(2))			
18	On or about March 16, 1999, in the State and Northern District of California, the			
19	defendants			
20	CAROL CONKEY			
21	did possess and distribute a List II listed chemical, to wit: 228 grams of iodine, knowing			
22	and having reasonable cause to believe that it would be used to manufacture			
23	methamphetamine, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(c)(2).			
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1	<u>COUNT SIX</u> : (21 U.S.C. §841(c)(2))			
2	On or about August 16, 1999, in the State and Northern District of California, the			
3	defendant			
4	DAVID CONKEY			
5	did possess and distribute a List II listed chemical, to wit: 454 grams of iodine, knowing			
6	and having reasonable cause to believe that it would be used to manufacture			
7	methamphetamine, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(c)(2).			
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9	<u>COUNT SEVEN</u> : (21 U.S.C. §841(c)(2))			
10	On or about October 6, 1999, in the State and Northern District of California, the			
11	defendant			
12	CAROL CONKEY			
13	did possess and distribute a List II listed chemical, to wit: 2,270 grams of iodine, knowing			
14	and having reasonable cause to believe that it would be used to manufacture			
15	methamphetamine, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(c)(2).			
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17	COUNT EIGHT: (21 U.S.C. §843(a)(6) and (7))			
18	On or about January 12, 2000, in the State and Northern District of California, the			
19	defendant			
20	CAROL CONKEY			
21	did possess and distribute a chemical, product or material, to wit: 114 grams of red			
22	phosphorous, which may be used to manufacture a controlled substance or listed			
23	chemical, knowing, intending, or having reasonable cause to believe that the red			
24	phosphorous would be used to manufacture methamphetamine, in violation of Title 21,			
25	United States Code, Section 843(a)(6) and (7).			
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1 COUNT NINE: (21 U.S.C. §843(a)(6) and (7)) On or about March 2, 2000, in the State and Northern District of California, the 2 3 defendant CAROL CONKEY 5 did possess and distribute a chemical, product or material, to wit: 114 grams of red phosphorous, which may be used to manufacture a controlled substance or listed 6 chemical, knowing, intending, or having reasonable cause to believe that the red 7 8 phosphorous would be used to manufacture methamphetamine, in violation of Title 21. United States Code, Section 843(a)(6) and (7). 9 10 **COUNT TEN:** 11 (21 U.S.C. §843(a)(6) and (7)) 12 On or about April 26, 2000, in the State and Northern District of California, the defendant 13 14 CAROL CONKEY 15 did possess and distribute a chemical, product or material, to wit: 114 grams of red phosphorous, which may be used to manufacture a controlled substance or listed 16 17 chemical, knowing, intending, or having reasonable cause to believe that the red phosphorous would be used to manufacture methamphetamine, in violation of Title 21, 18 United States Code, Section 843(a)(6) and (7). 19 20 21 COUNT ELEVEN: (21 U.S.C. §843(a)(6) and (7)) 22 On or about August 28, 2000, in the State and Northern District of California, the defendant 23 24 **CAROL CONKEY** did possess and distribute a chemical, product or material, to wit: 114 grams of red 25 phosphorous, which may be used to manufacture a controlled substance or listed 26 27 chemical, knowing, intending, or having reasonable cause to believe that the red 28 phosphorous would be used to manufacture methamphetamine, in violation of Title 21,

United States Code, Section 843(a)(6) and (7).			
<u>COUNT TWELVE</u> : (21 U.S.C. §843(a)(6) and (7))			
On or about December 7, 2000, in the State and Northern District of California, the			
defendant			
CAROL CONKEY			
did possess and distribute a chemical, product or material, to wit: 114 grams of red			
phosphorous, which may be used to manufacture a controlled substance or listed			
chemical, knowing, intending, or having reasonable cause to believe that the red			
phosphorous would be used to manufacture methamphetamine, in violation of Title 21,			
United States Code, Section 843(a)(6) and (7).			
<u>COUNT THIRTEEN</u> : (21 U.S.C. §843(a)(6) and (7))			
On or about February 14, 2001, in the State and Northern District of California, the			
defendant			
CAROL CONKEY			
did possess and distribute a chemical, product or material, to wit: 114 grams of red			
phosphorous, which may be used to manufacture a controlled substance or listed			
chemical, knowing, intending, or having reasonable cause to believe that the red			
phosphorous would be used to manufacture methamphetamine, in violation of Title 21,			
United States Code, Sections 843(a)(6) and (7).			

COUNT FOURTEEN: (18 U.S.C. § 1957(a) - Engaging in Monetary Transactions in Property Derived From Specified Unlawful Activity)

Counts One through Seven of this Indictment are incorporated by reference as though fully set forth in this count.

On or about October 12, 1999, in the Northern District of California, the defendant DAVID CONKEY

knowingly engaged in a monetary transaction as defined in 18 U.S.C. § 1957(f)(1) by depositing currency of the United States into a California Federal Bank business checking account #0244019857 using criminally derived property of a value greater than \$10,000, to wit: \$15,000, which was derived from the commission of specified unlawful activity, to wit: the conspiracies to distribute iodine and red phosphorous, and the individual sales of iodine, all of which are set forth in Counts One through Seven above; in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1957(a).

COUNT FIFTEEN: (18 U.S.C. § 1957(a) - Engaging in Monetary Transactions in Property Derived From Specified Unlawful Activity)

Counts One through Thirteen of this Indictment are incorporated by reference as though fully set forth in this count.

On or about June 5, 2000, in the Northern District of California, the defendant CAROL CONKEY

knowingly engaged in a monetary transaction as defined in 18 U.S.C. § 1957(f)(1) by depositing currency of the United States into a California Federal Bank business checking account #0244019857 using criminally derived property of a value greater than \$10,000, to wit: \$15,000, which was derived from the commission of specified unlawful activity, to wit: the conspiracies to distribute iodine and red phosphorous, and the individual sales of iodine and red phosphorous, all of which are set forth in Counts Three through Thirteen above, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1957(a).

of iodine, all of which are set forth in Counts One through Eight above with the intent to 1 promote the carrying on of said specified unlawful activity and knowing that the money 2 involved in such financial transactions represented the proceeds of said form of unlawful 3 activity, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1956(a)(1)(A)(i). 4 5 COUNT EIGHTEEN: (18 U.S.C. § 982(a)(1) and 21 U.S.C. § 853) 6 7 The Grand Jury further charges that: The allegations of Counts One through Seventeen of this Indictment are realleged 8 9 and incorporated herein. As a result of the offenses alleged in Counts One through Seventeen above, the 10 11 defendants DAVID CONKEY and CAROL CONKEY 12 13 shall forfeit to the United States property as proceeds obtained directly and indirectly, as a 14 result of said violations. 15 The property to be forfeited by the defendants includes but is not limited to the 16 following property: 17 A parcel of land, including any improvements, located at 109 Stonehurst a. 18 Court, Martinez, California, 94553, identified by Assessor's Parcel 19 Number 367-220-017, and more particularly described as follows: 20 LOT: 41; CITY: UNINCORPORATED; SUBDIVISION: 21 SUBDIVISION 7091; RECORDER'S MAP REFERENCE: MB356 22 PG25; 23 b. A parcel of land, including any improvements, located at 5300 Stonehurst 24 Drive, Martinez, California 94553-9721, identified by Assessor's Parcel 25 Number 367-220-001, and more particularly described as follows: 26 27 28

Т		CITY: UNINCORPORATED; Tract 7091, Lot 1.				
2	If, as a result of any act or omission of the defendant, any of said property					
3	a.	cannot be located upon the exercise of due diligence;				
4	b. has been transferred or sold to or deposited with, a third person;					
5	c. has been placed beyond the jurisdiction of the Court;					
6	d.	has been substantially diminished in value; or				
7	e.	has been commingled with other property which without difficulty cannot				
8		be subdivided;				
9	then the def	endants shall forfeit to the United States any and all interest each has in				
10	any other property (not to exceed the value of the above forfeitable property).					
11	All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 982(a)(1) and Title 21,					
12	United States Code, Section 853(a)(1) and (p).					
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14	DATED:	A TRUE BILL.				
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21	JONATHAN HOWDEN Chief, Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force					
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